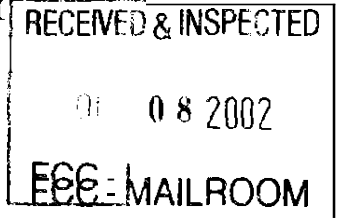


CIRCLE TELEPHONE COMPANY

P.O. Box 1
Circle, Alaska 99733



September 27, 2002

Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re CC Docket No. 96-45 - Annual Certification
TRS# 814731 - Carrier ID# 838

Circle Telephone Company (CTC) is a rural incumbent local exchange carrier serving a small native community in interior **Alaska**.

CTC is not subject to the jurisdiction of the State. **As** an owner of a Carrier not subject to State jurisdiction, I would like to file the following affidavit on behalf of CTC. This filing is in response to the *Fourteenth Report and Order, Twenty-second Order on Reconsideration, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket No. 96-45, and Report and Order in CC Docket No. 00-256.*

If you are in need of any additional information, please contact either Julie Donn at (907) 761-2450 or myself at (907) 773-1222.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Hutchinson".

Richard Hutchinson
Partner

cc: Administrator of the
Universal Service Fund

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**AFFIDAVIT OF
RICHARD HUTCHINSON**

response to CC Docket No 96-42. I, **Richard Hutchinson** an authorized partner of **Circle Telephone Company, TRS# 814731, Carrier ID# 838**, declare that all federal high-cost support provided to Circle Telephone Company will be used **only** for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support **was** intended pursuant to **47 U.S.C. 254(e)**.

Richard Hutchinson
Richard Hutchinson, Partner

9-27-02
Date

Subscribed and Sworn before me this 27 day of September, 2002

Notary Public
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires: NOTARY/POSTMASTER
PER ASM 112.44

